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RESPONSE & AMENDMENT

In response to the Office action mailed September 29, 2004, Applicants hereby submit the following response along with a Request for Continued Examination.